Coding for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence

I. Diagnostic Codes

305.1 Tobacco use disorder (Tobacco dependence)  
This excludes a history of tobacco use (V15.82)

649.0x Tobacco use disorder complicating pregnancy, childbirth or puerperium

V15.82 History of tobacco use  
This excludes history of tobacco dependence (305.1)


Preventive Medicine, Individual Counseling

Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure).

- 99401 Approximately 15 minutes
- 99402 Approximately 30 minutes
- 99403 Approximately 45 minutes
- 99404 Approximately 60 minutes

Smoking Cessation Counseling

These codes are for face-to-face counseling by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional, using “standardized, evidence-based screening instruments and tools with reliable documentation and appropriate sensitivity.”

- 99406 For intermediate visit of between 3 and 10 minutes.
- 99407 For an intensive visit lasting longer than 30 minutes.

Preventive Medicine, Group Counseling

- 99411 Preventive medicine counseling and/or intervention to treat the risk factor of tobacco use provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 30 min.
- 99412 Approximately 60 minutes.

III. Dental Billing Codes (CDT)

D1320 Tobacco counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease.